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**Department of Banking, Insurance, Securities  
and Health Care Administration  
Division of Health Care Administration**

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**VIA EMAIL AND REGULAR U.S. MAIL**

Re: Docket # 06-013-H  
Application for Conceptual Certificate of Need to create new inpatient programs  
to enhance psychiatric inpatient care and replace the functions currently  
performed by Vermont State Hospital

Dear Beth:

We have reviewed the above Conceptual Certificate of Need (CON) application submitted by the Vermont Department of Health, Agency of Human Services (VDH) proposing to replace the Vermont State Hospital with capital expenditures anticipated to exceed \$20,000,000.

The Conceptual CON application (Phase I of the two phase CON process) is now ruled complete for the purposes of beginning the formal review process. Completeness means the information and data furnished, meets the requirements of a Conceptual CON application and of Vermont Certificate of Need Laws and Regulations. It does not mean the proposed project has been evaluated with respect to the applicable criteria, standards and principles established and interpreted in the applicable laws and regulations, nor does it indicate whether the proposed project meets the applicable criteria, standards and principles. The burden of proving the project meets the applicable criteria, standards and principles rests with the applicant.

A copy of the public notice is enclosed. The Public Notice will be printed as a legal line ad in the following Vermont Periodicals on Thursday, November 16, 2006:

- Addison County Independent
- Bennington Banner
- Brattleboro Reformer
- Burlington Free Press
- Caledonian Record
- Newport Daily Express
- Springfield Reporter
- St. Albans Messenger
- Stowe Reporter
- The Herald of Randolph
- The Rutland Herald
- The Times Argus
- The Valley News
- The Windsor Area Observer

Please contact me at (802) 828-2907 if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

Jennifer Garson  
Certificate of Need Specialist

cc: Project file

## **PUBLIC NOTICE**

### **VERMONT STATE HOSPITAL – CERTIFICATE OF NEED HEARING**

In accordance with Chapter 221 of Title 18, V.S.A., the Division of Health Care Administration of the Department of Banking, Insurance, Securities and Health Care Administration is conducting a review of a Conceptual Certificate of Need from the Vermont Department of Health, Agency of Human Services (VDH) to create new inpatient programs to enhance psychiatric inpatient care and replace the functions currently performed by Vermont State Hospital. The total proposed capital expenditure is anticipated to exceed \$20,000,000.

The review schedule for this project is as follows:

Public Oversight Commission Hearing is scheduled for:

December 13, 2006  
Hampton Inn Event Center  
42 Mountain View Drive  
Colchester, VT  
9:00 a.m.

Commissioner's Decision: No later than March 13, 2007

**Persons proposing an identical or substantially similar service may submit a competing application. A letter of Intent to file a competing application must be submitted to the Division of Health Care Administration at the address below on or before November 27, 2006.**

**Persons wishing to request Interested Party status or Amicus Curiae status to the review process must submit a written request to the Division of Health Care Administration at the address below on or before December 6, 2006.**

Persons may request information about the proposal by contacting Jennifer Garson, Division of Health Care Administration, 89 Main St., Drawer 20, Montpelier, VT 05620-3601. Telephone: (802) 828-2907, email: [jgarson@bishca.state.vt.us](mailto:jgarson@bishca.state.vt.us)